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TAGS: PINT, VS

SUBJECT: REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED PLANE SIGHTING

1. PRESS SPOKESMAN FOR THE GVN MILITARY COMMAND ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY (DECEMBER 28) THAT AT A OUT 3:45*P.M. THURSDAY (DECEMBER 27) AT ET AIRCRAFT "PAINTED IN**LACK" WAS SEEN FLYING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH OVER QUANG TRI PROVINCE. LT. COL. HIEN SAID THE PLANE CIRCLED OVER AN AREA FIVE KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF HAI LANG DISTRICT TOWN AND LATER FLEW BACK NORTH AND DISAPPEARED. HE SAID THE JET WAS NOT IDENTIFIED. HE DID NOT KNOW THE PLANE'S ALTITUDE.

2. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THIS MARKED THE FIRST TIME AN UNIDENTIFIED JET HAD BEEN SIGHTED IN THE AREA, LTC HIEN SAID THAT SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE OTHER UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SEEN FLYING OVER THE QUANG TRI AREA.

3. LTC HIEN DID NOT REPEAT NOT SPECULATE THAT THE PLANE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A MIG INTERCEPTOR OR A U.S. RECON PLANE AS REPORTED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS UNDER SAIGON DATELINE.

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